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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: AUSTRALIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
" URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF TESTING OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

REF: GENEVA 2229

1. USG IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT IN ITS PRESENT FORM AUSTRALIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING. OUR ESSENTIAL DIFFICULTY WITH DR AS IT STANDS IS THAT IT DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TYPES OF NUCLEAR TESTING AND LUMPS ATMOSPHERIC TESTING WITH UNDERGROUND TESTING.

2. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN DR IF IT WERE MODIFIED TO REFER CLEARLY TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING ALONE AND IF " CONDEMNS" IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 WERE SOFTENED. SPECIFICALLY, DELEGATION MAY ACCEPT RESOLUTION IF FOLLOWING CHANGES MADE: ( A) INSERTION OF PHRASE " IN THE ATMOSPHERE" AT THE END OF THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION, AT THE END OF OPERATIVE PARA 1 AND AT THE END OF OPERATIVE PARA 5. ( B) COMBINATION OF OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 2 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "1. EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN AT ( A) THE THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS AND THE DAMAGE TO THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT WHICH RESULTS FROM ANY INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF IONIZING RADIATION IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND ( B) ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS

TESTING WHICH RESULTS IN SUCH AN INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF IONIZING RADIATION IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND URGES ITS IMMEDIATE CESSATION." AS ALTERNATIVE TO COMBINING FIRST TWO OPERATIVE PARAS, DEL MAY ACCEPT SUBSTITUTION OF " DEPLORES" FOR " CONDEMNS" IN OPERATIVE PARA 2.

3. IF UNSUCCESSFUL IN SECURING ABOVE CHANGES AND AUSTRALIAN DR PUT TO VOTE IN PRESENT FORM, USDEL SHOULD ABSTAIN, AND IF NECESSARY OFFER LOW- KEY EXPLANATION OF VOTE DRAWING ON PARA 1 ABOVE AND ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. US HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED BALANCED RESOLUTIONS ON ATMOSPHERIC TESTING AND US OFFICIALS HAVE FREQUENTLY AND PUBLICLY CALLED FOR ADHERENCE TO THE LTBT BY ALL NATIONS. IN THIS REGARD SECRETARY ROGERS PARTICIPATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ANZUS COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 1972 WHICH NOTED THAT ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTS WERE STILL BEING CONDUCTED DESPITE MOUNTING OPPOSITION AND CONFIRMED HOPE OF THE ANZUS PARTNERS FOR UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO LTBT.

B. US ALSO SUPPORTED GA RES 2934 A WHICH STRESSED URGENCY OF HALTING ALL ATMOSPHERIC TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN

PACIFIC AREA AND ELSEWHERE. DEL MAY ALSO NOTE THAT WE ABSTAINED ON SECTIONS B& C OF RES 2934 ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH LONG- STANDING US VIEW THAT CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTS SHOULD BE PURSUANT TO AN ADEQUATELY VERIFIED TREATY.

4. DEL SHOULD APPROACH AUSTRALIAN DEL ASAP TO SPELL OUT US POSITION. FYI. WE ARE PASSING SAME INFO TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. END FYI. RUSH

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